

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018**

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:**

Kathleen Hunsicker, Chair  
Dr. J. Richard Booth, Vice-Chair  
Edward J. Brandt  
Stephen Paccione  
Mark Grey

**STAFF:**

Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager  
Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager  
Carole Culbreth, Assistant Secretary  
James J. Garrity, Esq., Solicitor  
Paul Kenny, Police Chief  
Michael DeStefano, Public Works Director

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Gwynedd Township Municipal Building and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. The Chair stated the Board of Supervisors met in an Executive Session before the meeting on personnel matters.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE**

**Receipt of Meeting Minutes:      January 2, 2018**

The Board of Supervisors received the January 2, 2018 Organization Meeting minutes. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paccione to approve the January 2, 2018 Organization Meeting minutes. The motion carried 5 - 0.

**Receipt of Invoice History by General Ledger Account for January, 2018**

The Board of Supervisors received the Invoice History by General Ledger Account for January, 2018 in the amount of \$769,026.36. The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the Invoice History for January, 2018 in the amount of \$769,026.36. The motion carried 5 - 0.

**Receipt of Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for January, 2018**

The Board of Supervisors received the Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for January, 2018. The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for January, 2018. The motion carried 5 - 0.

**Resolution No. 2018 – 10: Budget Amendment**

Mr. McAnally stated the Board of Supervisors at their March 13, 2018 meeting approved the Budget Amendments for 2017. He stated adoption of Resolution No. 2018 – 10: Budget Amendment is also necessary for supplemental appropriation for the 2017 Budget. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paccione to adopt Resolution No. 2018 – 10: Budget Amendment. The motion carried 5 – 0.

**Resolution No. 2018 – 11: Redistricting Reform**

Ms. Hunsicker stated that the 2011 map based on the 2010 Census was found to be unconstitutional as being excessively gerrymandered. She stated the Board was approached by Fair Districts PA regarding Non-Partisan Redistricting Reform and the adoption of a resolution in favor of 1 man 1 vote and the minimizing of partisan gerrymandering. Ms. Hunsicker stated Resolution No. 2018 -11: Redistricting Reform is before the Board tonight. She asked for questions or comments.

Mitchell Herch, 2 Haycock Circle, stated partisan gerrymandering is inconsistent with our democracy; and urge you to pass the resolution.

Mary Ann Falzone, 616 Greycliff Lane, asked for an independent commission to draw the maps; and not use personal information to draw lines.

Fay Roberts, Foulkeways, urged the Board to support a changed to the constitution so voting is fair.

Mark Schafer, 23 Brookline Court, stated redistricting is a bi-partisan issue and should be an easy vote. He stated its civic morality.

Susan Fitzwater, 207 Bridle Lane, stated the process is broken and an independent commission is needed.

Paula Schafer, 23 Brookline Court, stated the resolution before the Board does not include the independent group. Ms. Hunsicker stated it is not the Board's jurisdiction to vote on those matters; the U. S. and Pennsylvania constitutions place the responsibility of drawing district maps with the state legislature. We support the principals put forth by Fair Districts PA, but decline to pass judgment on a specific piece of state legislation.

Norman Fitzwater, 2017 Bridle Lane, stated the system is broken.

Resident Campbell, stated the system is broken throughout the United States; setup a commission to depoliticize.

Eileen Sheehan, 1151 Trewellyn Avenue, asked if Supervisor Brandt could share what was communicated with Representative Harper and Representative Stephens. Mr. Brandt stated their comments are public and did not wish to requote them. He stated he spoke to PSATS and they agree with the resolution as presented.

Peter Kogan stated an independent body is needed.

Jay Cornish stated he attended Ambler Borough's meeting a year ago and they passed the resolution with the bi-partisan independent commission.

Ann DeMerlis, Huntseat Drive, stated over 200 Townships and Boroughs have passed the Fair Districts PA resolution so why is Lower Gwynedd different. Ms. Hunsicker restated again this is mandated by the U.S. and Pennsylvania Constitutions to the State Legislature and is outside our jurisdiction. Ms. DeMerlis asked if the Board can amend the resolution to include support for the citizen commission. Ms. Hunsicker said we would be doing exactly what we don't have jurisdiction over, but we are supportive of one man one vote and the elimination of partisan gerrymandering.

Tessie McNealy, 921 Surry Drive, stated Resolution No. 2018 - 11 falls short without the inclusion of the independent commission.

Debra Schafer asked if the Board is saying that they can't legally cannot support this resolution. Ms. Hunsicker stated no not legally but more of a civic procedure; we are at the local level of government and we cannot vote on items before the State Legislature. Ms. Schafer asked other Board members to comment.

Betsy, from Fair Districts PA, asked how PSATS can support it and you can't. Ms. Hunsicker stated the Township reached out to PSATS. Mr. McAnally stated that PSATS does not have a position on this.

Mr. Grey stated you have five Board members and five opinions getting to where I think we're going to be which is a good thing. Ms. Hunsicker stated three Board members will be at the PSATS Convention and we will talk to them.

Paula Schafer stated if PSATS passes the resolution you will circle back. So that means we may revisit this. Ms. Hunsicker replied maybe.

Tessie McNealy asked to poll each of the Board Members on their thoughts on Resolution No. 2018 - 11. Mr. Paccione stated he is in favor of Fair District and this is a fair compromise. Dr. Booth stated the presentation makes sense to eliminate gerrymandering; this Resolution supports it in theory. Mr. Brandt stated he is in support of this resolution 1 person - 1 vote. He stated the rest is in the hands of the State Legislators. Ms. Hunsicker stated some of this language was taken from Horsham Township's resolution and it is counted in your number of municipalities that support Fair Districts PA; so why would it count as support. Mr. Grey stated he is in favor of what works; he would be more prescriptive than what we have; but you can count Lower Gwynedd Township in the win category.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth to adopt Resolution No. 2018 - 11 Support of Fair and Impartial Legislative and Congressional Redistricting. The motion carried 5 - 0. There were no nays.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chairman opened the meeting for public comment for items not on the agenda.

Mr. DeMarlis, 1204 Hunt Seat Drive, complimented the great snow plowing by the Public Works Department.

There were no other comments.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **2018 Road Program – Concrete Bid and Milling/Paving Bid**

Ms. Hunsicker stated the Board received two memos from Gilmore Associates dated March 20, 2018 regarding the Bid Award Recommendation for the 2018 Lower Gwynedd Township Milling and Paving Program and Concrete Program. She stated Gilmore Associates recommended NJS Concrete, LLC for all items included in the Base Bid in the amount of \$91,660.00. Ms. Hunsicker stated Gilmore Associates recommended General Asphalt Paving Company for all items in the Base Bid and including Alternates 1, 2 & 3 in the amount of \$468,489.20. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the concrete bid to NJS Concrete, LLC in the amount of \$91,660.00. The motion carried 5 – 0. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the Milling/Paving Bid to General Asphalt Paving Company in the amount of \$468,489.20. The motion carried 5 – 0.

### **Authorization to purchase Administrative Vehicle**

Mr. McAnally stated the 2018 Budget allocated \$37,500 for a new Township Administrative Vehicle primarily used by the Township Manager. He stated the 2006 Ford 500 will be placed on Municibid; and the 2014 Ford Escape will be used by the Police Department. Mr. McAnally stated the Ford 150 Pick-up Truck at \$37,700 could be handed down to the Public Works Department in the future. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to authorize the purchase a 2018/2019 Ford F-150 in a price range of \$37,700 and to sell the 2006 Ford 500 on Municibid. The motion carried 5 – 0.

### **Resolution No. 2018 - 12: Disposition of Records**

Mr. McAnally stated on April 14, 2018 the Township will hold their Annual E-Cycle and Paper Shredding Event. He stated at that time the Township will dispose of records permitted by the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission. Mr. Brandt stated Lower Gwynedd Township is the only Township in the area to accept old TV's and computers; so don't abuse it. Dr. Booth asked the cost of the event. Mr. McAnally replied \$3,000 for e-cycle and \$2,400 for paper shredding for a total of \$5,400. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to adopt Resolution No. 2018 - 12: Disposition of Records. The motion carried 5 – 0.

### **Authorization to Purchase Toro Workman Mini Dump Truck**

Mr. DeStefano asked for authorization to purchase a Toro Workman Mini Dump Truck. He stated it would be used for daily maintenance on township trails and sewer right-of-ways. Mr. DeStefano stated this will be purchased on the CoStars program through Turf Equipment at a cost of \$26,369.41. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paccione to authorize the purchase of the Toro Workman Mini Dump Truck from Turf Equipment at a cost of \$26,369.41. The motion carried 5 – 0.

**Authorization to Purchase Exmark Riding Mower**

Mr. DeStefano asked for authorization to purchase Exmark Riding Mower. He stated it would be used for grooming athletic fields between contracted cuttings, sewer right-of-ways and walking trail right of ways. He stated the riding mower will be purchased on the state contract through Star Lawn Mower at a cost of \$8,222.80. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded Mr. Grey to authorize the purchase of the Exmark Riding Mower from Star Lawn Mower at a cost of \$8,222.80. The motion carried 5 – 0.

**Authorization for Update of (20) Computer Workstations**

Ms. Worman asked for authorization to purchase twenty workstations and fourteen monitors at a cost of \$37,741.00. She stated All Covered provided PA CoStars contract pricing for the equipment costs which includes the HP Pro-Desk Computers, Windows 10 Pro 64-bit Operating System, and HP Pro Display Monitors with two options. Ms. Worman stated Option 1: Replacement of 20 computers, 14 monitors, 16 traditional desktop software licenses for Microsoft Office 2016 – Business & Home, 4 traditional software licenses for Microsoft Office 2016-Professional Installation and warranty + \$37,741.00. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paccione to authorize the update of (20) Computer Workstations. The motion carried 5 – 0. Ms. Hunsicker stated all aforementioned expenses were approved in the budget which was approved in December for 2018.

**Authorization to Purchase New Spring Banners for Poles on Bethlehem Pike**

Mr. McAnally asked for authorization to purchase of 65 new Spring Banners for Poles on Bethlehem Pike. He stated it has been 14 years since they have been replaced. Mr. McAnally stated the Township budgeted \$5,500 for new banners. He stated a price quotation from Rileighs Outdoor Décor in the amount of \$4,322.50. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to authorize the purchase of 65 Spring Banners from Rileighs Outdoor Décor in the amount of \$4,322.50. The motion carried 5 – 0.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

Report from the Manager – Municipal activities, projects

Mr. McAnally stated Township offices will be closed on Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

He wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

Mr. McAnally stated he is attending the Construction Codes Academy on March 28 in King of Prussia.

**SUPERVISORS/STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Brandt thanked Fair District PA for the professionalism for their cause. He wanted to make sure residents were aware of that the Meadows had a gas leak with over 200 residents affected. He commended the Police Department for their support. Mr. Brandt said when you have an emergency you have the support of the Township.

Mr. Grey thanked the Fair District PA women for their hard work, a victory is a victory. He thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work.

Mr. Paccione hoped we can put away the snow blowers and bring out the lawn mowers. He thanked Fair District PA for their redistricting efforts and said it was a good compromise. He stated Whole Foods has opened and is doing great; Pancheros opened; it's a real community center.

Dr. Booth stated the only complaint is not enough parking. Ms. Hunsicker stated the Township only got 92% of the parking spaces required by the Ordinance.

Ms. Hunsicker wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting scheduled on April 11, 2018 at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth  
Assistant Secretary